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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for interactive communications over a network among participants at a plurality of locations, the apparatus comprising:
 - a leader computer operatively connected to the network;
 - a computer readable storage device accessible by the leader computer, the storage device including:
 - computer instructions for receiving and displaying information from the network;
 - computer instructions for transmitting the information to a plurality of other computers over the network, wherein said other computers each generally simultaneously display the transmitted information; said computer instructions for transmitting comprising a shared web browser to allow the leader to surf through the Internet and to cause said other computers to follow the leader through the Internet; and
 - computer instructions for receiving additional information entered in a shared web browser white board from at least one of the other computers over the network, wherein said other computers and said leader computer each generally simultaneously display the additional information in the shared web browser white board without altering the information displayed in the shared web browser, and wherein the additional information is entered by a

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user of a computer from the plurality of other computers to be associated with the already displayed information; and

computer instructions for receiving text-based conferencing information from at least one of the other computers over the network, wherein said other computers and said leader computer each generally simultaneously display the additional text-based conferencing information without altering the information displayed in the shared web browser.

2. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein the network comprises the Internet.

3. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said computer instructions for receiving and displaying information from the network comprises a web browser.

4. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said computer instructions for transmitting information to each of the other of said plurality from the one of said plurality of computers comprises a presenter interface, the presenter interface further comprising computer instructions for communicating with each of the other of said plurality of computers and for causing information to be generally simultaneously displayed on said other computers.

5. (Currently Amended) A method of conducting a collaborative presentation among a plurality of participants situated at two or more locations, wherein each of said participants has a computer operatively connected to a computer network, the method

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comprising:

- a) providing a website on the computer network for said participants to obtain access to the collaborative presentation;
- b) sending a message to each of said plurality of participants, the message providing an identifier means for accessing the collaborative presentation;
- c) providing information to be displayed on each of said participants' computers during the collaborative presentation;
- d) accessing the website according to the identifier means;
- e) initiating the collaborative presentation by a leader of said plurality of participants presenting the information on the leaders computer, wherein the computer of each of the other of said plurality of participants generally simultaneously displays the presented information;
- f) interactively adding information associated with the presented information by one of the other of said plurality of participants in a shared web browser white board, wherein the computer of each of said participants generally simultaneously displays the additional information, in the shared web browser white board without altering the information displayed in the shared web browser;
- g) initiating a text-based conferencing by one of the other of said plurality of participants, wherein the computer of each of said participants generally simultaneously displays the text-based conferencing information without altering the information displayed in the shared web browser, and
- h) sharing a web browser of one of said plurality of participants with each of the

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other of said plurality of participants, so that the shared web browser causes the plurality of participants to collectively surf through the Internet.

6. (Original) The method of conducting a collaborative presentation among a plurality of participants as recited in claim 5, further including the step of initiating a telephone conference call while conducting the collaborative presentation.

7. (Original) The method of conducting a collaborative presentation among a plurality of participants as recited in claim 5, wherein said identifier means comprises one or more of a confirmation number, and a scheduled date and time for accessing the collaborative presentation.

8. (Currently Amended) A method of conducting a collaborative presentation among a plurality of participants situated at two or more locations, wherein each of said participants has a computer operatively connected to a computer network, the method comprising:

- a) providing a website on the computer network for said participants to obtain access to the collaborative presentation;
- b) providing information to be displayed on each of said participants' computers during the collaborative presentation;
- c) providing means for said participants to access the website;
- d) initiating the collaborative presentation by one of said plurality of participants presenting the information on the one of said participant's computers, wherein the computer of

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each of the other of said plurality of participants generally simultaneously displays the information;

f) interactively adding information associated with the presented information by one of the other of said plurality of participants in a shared web browser white board, wherein the computer of each of said participants generally simultaneously displays the additional information in the shared web browser white board without altering the information displayed in the shared web browser;

g) initiating a text-based conferencing by one of the other of said plurality of participants, wherein the computer of each of said participants generally simultaneously displays the text-based conferencing information, without altering the information displayed in the shared web browser; and

h) sharing a web browser of one of said plurality of participants with each of the other of said plurality of participants, so that the shared web browser causes the plurality of participants to collectively surf through the Internet.

9. (Currently Amended) A method of conducting a conference among a plurality of participants situated at two or more locations over a computer network, the method comprising:

a) providing a website on the computer network;
b) providing computer instructions for said participants to access the website via a computer having a display;
c) providing a shared browser interface for conducting the conference;

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d) operably connecting each said participants computers such that the display of each of said participants generally simultaneously displays the shared browser interface; and

e) providing a white board to allow each participant to enter additional information associated with the display of the shared browser interface, the additional information being displayed in the white board without altering the display of the shared browser interface, and providing a text based communication interface to allow each participant to initiate and participate in text-based conferencing.

10. (Original) The method as recited in claim 9 further including the step of categorizing said participants into one of a presenter participant or an attendee participant, such that the presenter participants' computer controls each of said attendee participants computers via the browser interface.

11. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for conducting a conference among a plurality of participants situated at two or more locations over a computer network, the apparatus comprising:

a) a website having a server computer on the computer network;

b) computer instructions for said participants to access the website via a computer having a display;

c) a shared browser interface for conducting the conference;

d) computer instructions for operably connecting each of said participants computers such that the display of each of said participants generally simultaneously displays the shared browser interface; and

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e) computer instructions providing a white board to allow each participant to enter additional information associated with the display of the shared browser interface, the additional information being displayed in the white board without altering the display of the shared browser interface, and computer instructions providing a text based communication interface to allow each participant to initiate and participate in text-based conferencing.